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SUBJ: PAN AFRICAN- US TRACK MEET

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1. WALKER HELD WORKING SESSION MARCH 31 WITH MINISTER DIACK, TRACK FEDERATION PRESIDENT THIAM, OTHER OFFICIALS. AFTER LEARNING OF \$40,000 SAVINGS ON AIR FARE (WHICH MAY BE REDUCED FURTHER, ACCORD-
ING TO WALKER) SCSA PERCENTAGE FOR TV RIGHTS, AND POSSIBILITY OF PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS, DIACK SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED THAT NEGOTIATIONS IN YAOUNDE WERE SO FAVORABLE TO SCSA. HE SAID THAT IN THE LIGHT OF THE RESULTS SENEGAL WOULD RENEGOTIATE WITH SCSA TO ADJUST ITS SHARE OF COST. WALKER STRESSED THAT AAU VERY COGNIZANT OF THE BURDEN THE SENEGALESE ARE BEARING AND ANXIOUS TO SEE THAT THEY BENEFIT FROM THE NEW SITUATION.

2. DIACK, SPEAKING AS HEAD OF NEW AFRICAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC CONFEDERATION, ADDED THAT HE FELT IT DESIRABLE THAT ALL FUTURE MEETS IN SERIES BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN AAU AND CONFEDERATION RATHER THAN BETWEEN AAU AND SCSA. HE SAID THAT FIRST, HOWEVER, THE CONFEDERATION HAD TO GET ON ITS FEET AND HE HOPED THAT AAU WOULD HELP THEM DO THAT. WALKER SAID THAT AAU SHARED THIS VIEW ENTIRELY BUT MADE NO SPECIFIC COMMITMENT ABOUT HELP BEYOND MORAL SUPPORT.

3. WALKER VERY SATISFIED WITH EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOOD, LODGING, STADIUM, ETC. SENEGALESE OBVIOUSLY WANT EVERYTHING TO BE
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FIRST CLASS. ATHLETES WILL BE HOUSED IN NEW LUXURY DIARAMA HOTEL, FED MENUS SPECIESOURCES AND EXPRESSED ROUTINE OPPOSITION TO IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALIS M.

3. A CULTURAL AGREEMENT DETAILED PLANS FOR EXCHANGES BUT WENT BEYOND ROUTINE BY SAYING ACADEMIC DEGREES HAVE EQUAL VALIDITY IN BOTH COUNTRIES. MOST QUOTED STATEMENT BY CALDERA WAS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT VENEZUELA IS WELL ON WAY TO ENTRY INTO CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT

BANK. MOST NOTEWORTHY QUOTES OF MANLEY WERE TO CALL CALVANI " ARCHITECT OF SPIRIT OF REGIONALISM IN CARIBBEAN" AND TO AVER " CARIBBEAN DOES NOT DIVIDE US; IT UNITES US." OF MOST NEWS VALUE, HOWEVER, WAS SPECULATION CONCERNING JAMAICAN PLANS TO TRADE BAUXITE DIRECTLY FOR VENEZUELAN PETROLEUM TO BE REFINED ON ISLAND. PLANS FOR ALUMINA AND BAUXITE SALE WERE CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR (SEE REFTEL). MORE ON THIS MAY BE CLEAR WHEN VENEZUELAN ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL MISSION FOLLOWS UP WITH VISIT TO JAMAICA BEGINNING APRIL 4.

4. AIRGRAM WITH MORE DETAIL FOLLOWS.
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